

Les Eparges, Mine crater - Fr. Side, France

A very large mine crater near Les Eparges, France. At the bottom is a wooden frame doorway to a tunnel; two more are farther up the sides of the crater. A ladder leads to the bottom of the crater. Two soldiers are climbing down the ladder and three are standing at the top of the ladder. James C. Hughes, as part of the 35th Division, left Fort Sill, Oklahoma, and traveled to Hoboken, New Jersey, where he boarded the troop ship "Ceramic" on May 18, 1918. Hughes arrived in Liverpool, England, on June 1, 1918 and then landed at Le Havre, France, on June 9, 1918. Hughes fought in the battles of St. Mihiel and the Meuse-Argonne. He was at Verdun on Armistice Day, November 11, 1918. He took no photos of the actual fighting. He did take many photographs after the war as part of the Army of Occupation until he left France on July 18, 1919. A full biography of James Clark Hughes is available at the link below to Kansapedia.

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